PUBLIC COMMENTS REPORT

WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY WEBSITE, EMAIL & SOCIAL MEDIA

Purpose

The public comments report is in accordance with the NCTCOG Transportation Department Public Participation Process, which became effective June 1, 1994, as approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the transportation policy board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and amended on February 12, 2015.

This report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Wednesday, June 20, through Thursday, July 19, 2018. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email and online.

This month, public comments were received on a number of topics across social media platforms and via email. The majority of comments received were regarding air quality and participation in Clean Air Action Day.

Air Quality

Twitter

1. Join us Friday, June 22, for Clean Air Action Day by helping improve air quality. Need ideas? Selected your planned action(s) from the list at http://www.airnorthtexas.org/cleanairactionday .... On Clean Air Action Day, share how you celebrated at #AirNTX and #CAAD2018 or tag us: @NCTCOGtrans. – Al Roy (@ARoy1197)

2. Have you made your pledge for Clean Air Action Day? Just as important, have you made your plans to celebrate with us tomorrow?? #CAAD2018 #CleanAirDallas @NCTCOGtrans – Green Dallas (@GreenDallas)
3. Tomorrow is Clean Air Action Day. On June 22, we encourage you to take action and do at least one thing for cleaner air. Learn more at http://www.airnorthtexas.org/cleanairactionday …. #CAAD2018 @NCTCOGtrans – North Richland Hills (@CityofNRH) 

4. Today is Clean Air Action Day! Participate by doing at least one thing to help improve air quality like reducing idling, carpooling, or bringing your lunch to work. And don't forget to share your clean air action by tagging #CAAD2018 and @NCTCOGtrans on social media! – Granbury, Texas (@cityofgranbury)
5. Today is Clean Air Action Day. Pledge to do at least one thing to help improve air quality. Air North Texas wants to know what you plan on doing. Share how you celebrate with us on social media by using #CAAD2018 and tagging us @KGVBTX and @NCTCOGtrans. – KGVB Texas (@KGVBTexas)

7. @NCTCOGtrans Driving my Honda Hybrid & packed a lunch. 😎👍 #CAAD2018 – Daniel (Veteran_Jedi)

8. Commit TODAY to helping our air for #CAAD2018! Check out our top tips on how to do so by visiting our blog. #CleanAirDentonCounty @NCTCOGtrans – DCTA (@RideDCTA)

9. Today we invite you to participate in #CleanAirActionDay by doing at least one thing to help improve air quality. Take a photo/video that shows how you are making a difference. Use #CAAD2018, #AirNTX and tag @NCTCOGtrans in your post. Visit http://airnorthtexas.org for info. – City of Cedar Hill (@CedarHillTX)
10. I walk to work everyday and bring my lunch! Today is Clean Air Action Day.

Rated R.

#CAAD2018  @NCTCOGtrans – Kimball Hansen (@kimball_hansen)

**Facebook**

1. On Friday, June 22 we invite you to participate in #CleanAirActionDay by doing at least one thing to help improve air quality. On Clean Air Action Day, take a photo or video that shows how you are making a difference. Use hashtags #CAAD2018, #AirNTX and tag NCTCOG Transportation Department in your post. For a list of good examples visit airnorthtexas.org – City of Cedar Hill, Texas – Government
2. Join us tomorrow night at Twilight Tunes to get your free water bottle! – City of Denton Sustainability

3. Join us tonight at Twilight Tunes to learn more about how you can help improve air quality. We will also be passing out some cool prizes! #CAAD2018 – City of Denton Sustainability
4. Make a commitment to help our air for #CAAD2018 TODAY! Check out our top tips on how to do so on our blog. NCTCOG Transportation Department – Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA)

5. Warm temps + reusable water bottles = summer waste reduction vibes. 🌞😎 Tell us what you're doing to improve air quality at https://www.airnorthtexas.org/cleanairactionday. #CAAD2018 - NCTCOG Transportation Department
Wait, where/how can "smoking" or "polluting" vehicles be reported? – Suzanne Townsdin

   Hi, Suzanne! We have the Regional Smoking Vehicle Program, where you can provide information on vehicles you see producing excessive smoke. You may call 817-704-2522 to report or visit https://www.nctcog.org/trans/air/smoking/index.asp to submit a report online and get more information. – NCTCOG Transportation Department

6. It's Clean Air Action Daaaaaayyyyyyy! There are lots of different ways to participate. Watch this video and see how you can get involved! #CAAD2018 – NCTCOG Transportation Department
Driving an electric car works too! – Steve Martin

7. You can help improve air quality even when it's a holiday. – Green Dallas

Bicycle & Pedestrian

Twitter

1. Ribbon cutting on the SoPAC Trail Phase 4A on 7/26 at 10 am! @TMD_DallasComm @cmjsgates @LeeforDallas @MarkClaytonD9 – Northaven Trail (@NorthavenTrail)
@DallasCoTrails @DallasCountyTx @CityOfDallas @DallasParkRec @TxDOTDallasPIO @TxDOT @NCTCOGtrans @dartmedia @LeeforDallas @cmjsgates @CalvertCollins – Jeff Kitner (@JeffKitner)
Electric Vehicles

Twitter
1. You may also qualify for additional incentives through the AirCheckTexas program. Visit https://www.airchecktexas.org/eligible-vehicles … to see which vehicles are eligible. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

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There are quite a few new #EV makes and models that are available in Texas. Visit bit.ly/2IGRrLG to see which ones qualify for a rebate.

@Tesla not included. American company. American manufactured. Get past crooked dealership associations Texas! – Mateo (@Mateo_EIguaopo)

High-speed Rail

Email
1. Carole Pasquale
WHY DO YOU NEED ANY OF OUR INPUT YOU NEVER DO ANYTHING ABOUT WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY; WE SHOULD HAVE NEVER ENDORSED THE HIGH SPEED RAILROAD IN ANY WAY OR SHAPE OR FORM; IF YOU WANT TO GET SOMEPLACE, DRIVE OR FLY. WHY DO WE HAVE TO HAVE A HIGH SPEED TRAIN TO LOUSE UP THE ATMOSPHERE AND THE WONDERFUL TOWNS THAT WILL NOW BE CRESTFALLED AND OBSELETE? YOUR DREAMS ARE NOT ALWAYS ALL OF OUR DREAMS AND PROGRESS CAN BE QUITE ‘DESTRUCTIVE’.

Innovative Vehicles & Technology
1. Virgin Hyperloop One https://youtu.be/XbKg1Qm7wNU @CityOfDallas @NCTCOGtrans @Mike_Rawlings @DallasCityMgr @DMNOpinion @scottriggssdal @VoteAdamMedrano @CaseyThomas07 @VoteOmarNarvaez @MarkClaytonD9 @AdamMcGoughD10 @cmjsgates @PhilipTKingston @atkins_tennell @DwaineForDallas – Lee M. Kleinman (@LeeforDallas)
2. Texas debut of @HyperloopOne likely bypasses Houston as @NCTCOGtrans takes the lead. – Dug Begley (@DugBegley)

Hyperloop's first step bypasses Houston
Metroplex officials pursuing Dallas-Fort Worth connection for super-fast tube travel system, along with feasibility for Fort Worth-to-Laredo line with stop... houstonchronicle.com

3. The RTC has announced intentions to evaluate hyperloop technology in Dallas-Fort Worth. One step closer to the future The Jetsons predicted. ⭐😊 @HyperloopOne – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
@Danwhite7912Dan @theButcher_st @rymgray zoom zoom – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

Literally. 😂 – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

IT. IS. LIT. – Stina (@christinamorex)

I remember the promise of the superconducting supercollider in Waxahachie, then Congress defunded it. – Rick Hadley (@oldgringophoto)

Stops in Arlington with high sped rail or a hyperloop makes no sense and is contrary to speed. But light rail hubs from Dallas and Fort Worth with stops in Arlington is a better option. But I know Arlington will not like it. – Nick Martinez (@martineznicNick)

That's nice. How abt advancing the west portion of metroplex & connect FW to Benbrook Weatherford Decatur & Wichita Falls? Ant time FW area came into light rail & 21st century dont ya think... – gbikerbob (@gbikerbob)

Thanks so much for your comment! I'll make sure to provide this comment to the Regional Transportation Council. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

4. Serving today as an alternate for @LeeforDallas at @NCTCOGtrans voted to explore @HyperloopOne Now this really seems like moving into the Jetson era and beyond. In addition to eco dev just think of the countless dinner & entertainment options. https://hyperloop-one.com/texas-officials-confirm-hyperloop-technology-option-dallas-arlington-ft-worth-high-speed-corridor ... – Jennifer S. Gates (@cmjsgates)

5. Imagine traveling from Dallas to Fort Worth in six minutes or from Dallas to Arlington in three. The recently approved environmental study will determine if this tube dream will become reality: http://bit.ly/2Jk71GJ – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
When can we have adequate sidewalks & bike infrastructure? – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)

You can't get to FTW in 6 min if you build a useless stop in Arlington. And Jerry won't let you anyway. – Brian Potratz (@potratzb)

Please focus on proven transit solutions that don't involve paving over the entire metroplex with highways – Thomas Carlson (@Dtown_down)

Thanks for wasting our tax dollars on vaporware. We need real solutions now. Invest in rail & transit. Bike infrastructure. – Philip Goss (@gosspl)

6. Virgin's Richard Branson and a Dubai port operator are teaming up on ultra-fast transporter being dubbed 'Hyperloop for cargo.' https://cnb.cx/2I5ZL5s – CNBC (@CNBC)
@TomHall @txbornviking @NCTCOGtrans @txbornviking @WalkableDFW @UrbanFortWorth @completestreets @TxDOT @FTA_DOT @Danwhite7912Dan @RideDCTA @TrinityMetro @BikeTexas @greensourcedfw @greentechmedia This is a real solution for clearing excessive truck traffic off of the roadways. – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

**Facebook**

1. The Regional Transportation Council has announced intentions to evaluate hyperloop technology in Dallas-Fort Worth. One step closer to the future The Jetsons predicted. 😄😊 – NCTCOG Transportation Department
From what I’ve seen, Fort Worth gets left out of this. Fort Worth is not a Dallas suburb. – Terry Presley

Research "Agenda 21" – Brian C Mertz

Saedryn and Christin do you recognize a face? – Thu Kim Nguyen

Hey!!! I know that guy!! – Saedryn Kay Sagers

He’s famous now! Too cool, I can’t wait to be a Jetson! – Christin Alapai

Anne Edwards Day show Dr. Day please! – Christin Alapai

**Project Planning**

**Email**

1. Richard Muir

Northbound frontage road highway121 to east bound 635 has no lights for more than three years. A project was to repair the lights in January 2018. Now we have had a fatal accident and rush our closure on the frontage road due to no working lights on the frontage road. How many more lives must be lost before this condition is repaired? Visitor and residents using the frontage have had near accidents approaching the dark turn on the frontage road. There are no guard rails or reflectors. Authorities claim copper thief is the cause for the outage. However jurisdiction is vague at times who is responsible for repairs. If there was proper lighting on the curve we would have had the fatality earlier this year. Please I have made numerous inquires for repair since I too use the road weekly at night. The excuse is funds. How much is a life worth?
Why is this taking sooooo long?!?!?!

Please take immediate action to correct and prevent future disasters.

Richard Muir

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3. Chuck Erwin

Focus on alternate roads, NOT modes. Tired of minority interests (bikes, buses, trains, etc) getting preferential treatment at the expense of auto travel. The VAST majority of trips are by car. To solve congestion, expand capacity for the preferred mode. Fund other modes in exact proportion to it's tripshare. The metroplex needs a beltway around the entire area as well

Twitter

1. And yet here at home, @NCTCOGtrans continues forward with their #autocentric #Mobility2045 plan... – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

2. Stop this #autocentric madness! When will @NCTCOGtrans & @TxDOT acknowledge #InducedDemand? – Loren S. (@txbornviking)
3. @NCTCOGTrans ability to waste money boggles the mind. – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)

4. More #autocentric subsidized sprawl coming to west Ft. Worth.

@NCTCOGtrans is already talking about spending BILLIONS to widen I-30 in part bc of this & similar developments. – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

5. Mobility 2045’s outlines the future of the metroplex. It proposes dozens of road, toll & highway expansions, bike and pedestrian connections and transit options. @NCTCOGtrans – Fort Worth Urban (@UrbanFortWorth)
Tarrant County can’t even complete the main water line at Old Decatur between FW and Saginaw. They have been at a standstill since May – Iharris (@melis_tx)

6. @NCTCOGtrans RTC approves Mobility 2045 transportation plan – City of Fort Worth (@CityofFortWorth)

7. Regional Transportation Council Chair @CommGaryFickes: Projects like IH 35W work because they provide drivers choice. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
8. “Giving drivers a choice.” “The days of spending an hour sitting on the road are over.” - Commissioner Fickes #FortWorth @CityofFortWorth @NTExpress @NCTCOGtrans – Mosaic Strategy (@mosaic_sp)

9. “We want to be a region of choice - not just choice lanes but multi-modal options.” @NCTCOGtrans @NTExpress – Mosaic Strategy (@mosaic_sp)
Transit

Twitter

1. We encourage you to #DumpThePump tomorrow! What do we mean? If you can, we want you to take public transit to your destination instead of driving a car. Saves gas and it's great for the environment! – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

There’s a passenger train in EASY walking distance to where I work, but I drive because it’s only one drain that is not close to where I live at all. The train that is close to where I live does not stop anywhere close to where I work. Hmph! Riddle me that. – Mother Tongue (@11Foil)

I would love to, but there is no train anywhere near where I live in Fort Worth and a bus would make my commute over 2 hours one way. Put in a train between North Fort Worth and Dallas then I will use it daily. – TriRussell (@TriRussell)

2. @NCTCOGtrans @APTA_info @GreenDallas @greensourcedfw – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)
3. More simple evidence that #hyperloop is not much more than distracted hype. @NCTCOGtrans should focus on improving #TransitAlternatives using today's best proven tech. From a capacity standpoint you can't beat #rail. – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

Facebook

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For everyone reading this post, DART, Trinity Metro and DCTA have lots of terrific and relaxing bus and train options which also help reduce car traffic and road congestion! – Paul McManus

Yes! I'll get TONS of packages delivered by riding DART as a courier! 😄 – Phil Neil

Twitter
1. Don't text and drive on #WorldEmojiDay (or any other day for that matter 😊). – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
1. 📞🚗 = $ $ $ – Stina (@christinamorex)

2. 🚗∥∥∥∥∥∥ – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

   **Stina** @christinamorex
   Replying to @NCTCOGtrans @TxDOT and 3 others
   📞🚗 = $ $ $

   😂✈️✈️✈️✈️ – Stina (@christinamorex)

3. Congrats to all the #Dallas employees being recognized by ☒️@NCTCOGtrans ☒️
   #tryparkingit – Green Dallas (@GreenDallas)
4. Met 6th graders heading to 7th from Fort Worth McLean 6th grade school @NCTCOGtrans who were learning about the regional planning done there. We report at 4 & 6 on what came from Mobility 2020 plan done in 1996 and what’s ahead in Mobility 2045 from this year! @NBCDFW #NBCDFWNow – Ken Kalthoff (@KenKalthoffNBC5)

5. A huge element of this debate is the @NCTCOGtrans growth forecasts that underpin funding allocations, travel demand models, etc. Funny thing is the urban counties are growing faster than expected, while suburban are growing slower. Yet money still flows to new sub-urban roads. – FarmAndCity (@FarmAndCity)

6. North Central Council of Governments (NCTCOG) provided reusable water bottles for our volunteers at Happy to Help Saturday last week. We appreciate their partnership, as we try to prevent using plastic water bottles. @NCTCOGtrans – KGVB Texas
7. New apartment completions and construction in DFW Show a clear trend towards job centers. In Tarrant County, nearly half of all apartment projects are in close proximity to downtown. Data via @NCTCOGtrans – Fort Worth Urban (@UrbanFortWorth)

8. Check out the new website and give @NCTCOGtrans a follow! – Fort Worth Urban (UrbanFortWorth)

9. @ChargePointnet @APTA_info @NCTCOGtrans @RideDCTA @RideGenZe @TrinityMetro – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)
10. Stuck in traffic right now? According to this graphic from @NCTCOGtrans there’s a good chance you are. – Fort Worth Urban (@UrbanFortWorth)

11. Highway capacity can't scale with demand. It’s either under-utilized (off-peak) or at capacity and congested (at peak), ie failing either way. A waste of money and a terrible way to build urban economies. Is anybody held to account? – patrick kennedy – (@WalkableDFW)

No, I don’t believe anyone is being held to account. – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)
It’s a separation of authority from responsibility. We local elected are held responsible while state elected and regional bureaucrats hoard authority. – Philip Kingston (@PhilipTKingston)

Precisely. Practically speaking, there appears to be no real ability for elected officials to change @NCTCOGtrans’s self-perpetuating leadership. – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)

12. Why Dallas has the bidirectional commute Causing both north and southbound traffic in the mornings and evenings. What one of the few cities in the country that have this problem. @NCTCOGtrans / @TxDOT / @TTITAMU Need to pay closer attention to this issue. – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

Facebook

1. #FWISD students enrolled in the #VitalLink program visited the North Texas Council of Governments to learn about transportation proposals, marketing, and more! NCTCOG Transportation Department – Fort Worth ISD
2. North Central Council of Governments (NCTCOG) provided reusable water bottles for our volunteers at Happy to Help Saturday last week. We appreciate their partnership, as we try to prevent using plastic water bottles. Each month in 2018, we will provide Happy to Help volunteers with an item that helps divert waste from landfills. NCTCOG Transportation Department – Keep Grapevine Beautiful
3. The highlighted streets shown in the W. 7th area in Fort Worth are going from two-way to one-way. Stay alert and take your time if you're navigating through this area! – NCTCOG Transportation Department

For everyone reading this post, Trinity Metro’s bus routes 2 and 7 are terrific and relaxing alternatives to get to and from this area to help reduce car traffic, road congestion, and parking difficulties and hassles! – Paul McManus

Excellent point, Paul! – NCTCOG Transportation Department

Kristie Bates - if you don't follow NCTCOG Transportation Department already :-) – Michelle Canton

Done. Thank you sister! – Kristie Bates
Will this be safer for bicycles? Are there any new bike lanes? – Howard Maher

Not even safer for cars since yesterday after the police and the press left, cars just went ahead and ignored all the signs. – Bill Johnson

Thx! Had no idea!! – Kathy Everson